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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 9, 2009**. The farmers’ hope for rainfall became reality in no small way over the past two weeks. The showers helped mend some of the damage caused by the intense heat of early July, and the dry weather of this past week has improved the outlook of many crops. With the much needed moisture came an increase in the activity of harmful insects and fungi, prompting many producers to apply pest control. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 13 percent short, 74 percent adequate and 12 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending 08/09/09

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, silked	100	100	100	100
Corn, dough	99	98	100	99
Corn, dent	94	89	95	91
Corn, mature	33	19	47	52
Corn, harvested	1	--	4	6
Corn Silage, harvested	60	48	58	78
Cotton, squaring	100	100	100	100
Cotton, setting bolls	93	87	96	79
Cotton, open bolls	0	--	2	4
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	76	74	77	72
Peanuts, pegging	100	100	100	--
Rice, headed	72	48	66	86
Rice, mature	1	--	2	6
Sorghum, heading	100	99	96	99
Sorghum, coloring	55	28	67	82
Sorghum, mature	2	--	16	34
Soybeans, blooming	100	99	100	100
Soybeans, setting pods	94	89	92	96
Soybeans, turning color	15	9	9	33
Watermelons, harvested	98	96	100	99

Crop condition for week ending 08/09/09

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	3	15	34	39	9
Cotton	2	6	30	49	13
Livestock	2	3	26	60	9
Pasture	2	6	28	50	14
Peanuts	0	3	23	65	9
Rice	0	3	26	61	10
Sorghum	0	2	41	51	6
Soybeans	3	9	29	46	13
Sweet Potatoes	0	2	13	64	21

Comments

“Maturing crops need dry weather. There are a lot of stunned soybeans from all the recent rains that came on top of the irrigation.”

— Laura Giaccaglia, Bolivar

“Growers are spraying cotton and some soybeans for insects. There may be some corn harvested this week.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Some fields of cotton have shed fruit this week while others have not. So far, there is no noticeable pattern as to why since they all experienced the same weather. Stink bugs are beginning to show up in low numbers in cotton and soybeans.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“One of the main issues that has been encountered over the last week or two has been widespread armyworm outbreaks that have been occurring in soybeans and hay fields/pastures.”

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn

“Sunshine and drier days between showers have made crops better. Insect pressure is building in cotton and soybeans.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Early MG Soybeans need sunshine to mature. Insect pressure is increasing & expect control measures to increase also. Harvest will begin in some areas within the next couple of weeks.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Fungicides are being applied to soybeans at the R-3 stage. Some soybean fields have received insecticide applications to control armyworms.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“Just a little "high moisture" corn has been harvested.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Some fields being treated for armyworms. Soil moisture is good, and I am hoping for 2 to 3 weeks of sun to fill out most crops.”

— Dr. Bill Burdine, Chickasaw

“Armyworm numbers have increased to a level to trigger control measures.”

— Mark Mowdy, Franklin

“They are predicting a few days of sunshine. We have had huge amounts of rain, and now it needs to dry out some so we can get back into the fields. The pastures have definitely benefitted from the rains, but it has put our row crop folks behind. Maybe it will get better in the next couple of weeks.”

— Bill Maily, Hinds

(Additional comments appear at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ms/cwyears.htm>)

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 08/09/09													
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Plan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
Upper Delta													
Cleveland	94	69	82	83	-1	0.50	-0.11	2	10.68				
Clarksdale	91	67	80	81	-1	0.26	-0.34	3	7.07				
Lambert 1W	95	69	83			0.25	-0.44	1	7.00				
Tunica 2N	94	66	79	81	-2	0.86	0.28	3	3.47				
Extreme/Average	95	66	81	82	-1	0.47	-0.14	2	10.68				
North-Central													
Calhoun City	92	68	80	81	-1	0.21	-0.54	1	8.93				
Hickory Flat	92	66	78	79	-1	0.26	-0.58	3	12.08				
Holly Springs 4N	93	65	79	79		0.78	-0.03	2	9.14				
Independence	91	67	79	80	-1	1.11	0.41	2	12.45				
Oxford	93	67	80	80		0.47	-0.33	2	7.26				
Extreme/Average	93	65	79	80	-1	0.57	-0.20	2	9.97				
Northeast													
Corinth 7SW	93	66	79	81	-2	0.16	-0.56	1	3.83				
Tupelo 2	93	69	81			0.00	0.00	0	3.90				
Pontotoc Exp Stn	92	68	80	81	-1	0.02	-0.70	1	7.99				
Verona	94	69	81	81		0.00	-0.79	0	14.48				
Extreme/Average	94	66	80	80		0.05	-0.68	1	8.79				
Lower Delta													
Belzoni	94	69	83	82	1	0.20	-0.64	2	10.44				
Moorhead	93	68	82	82		0.65	0.01	3	6.65				
Rolling Fork	96	71	83	82	1	0.58	-0.08	3	11.58				
Yazoo City 5NNE	93	70	82	82	0	0.44	-0.40	2	14.87				
Extreme/Average	96	68	82	82		0.47	-0.21	3	9.56				
Central													
Carthage	94	70	81	81	0	0.08	-0.80	1	8.46				
Eupora 2E	92	67	79	80	-1	0.22	-0.47	2	12.36				
Forest 3S	94	65	79	80	-1	0.00	-1.05	0	5.05				
Kosciusko	91	68	80	81	-1	0.12	-0.80	1	3.50				
Extreme/Average	94	65	80	81	-1	0.11	-0.71	1	5.05				
East-Central													
Aberdeen	94	71	81	80	1	0.77	0.12	1	5.42				
Brooksville Exp	94	72	82			0.50	-0.27	1	4.40				
Columbus	96	70	82	82		0.00	-0.84	0	5.10				
Macon	93	69	82	81	1	0.17	-0.69	2	5.19				
State University	94	69	81	81		0.11	-0.69	1	6.31				
Extreme/Average	96	69	82	81	1	0.31	-0.48	1	5.87				
Southwest													
Brookhaven City	93	71	81	81	0	1.62	0.63	2	7.71				
Crystal Springs	94	70	82	82		0.61	-0.16	3	5.70				
Natchez	94	72	82	82		0.52	-0.32	3	8.03				
Port Gibson 1NE	93	71	82	80	2	0.00	-0.72	0	4.93				
Vicksburg	93	72	84			0.67	0.00	2	10.88				
Woodville 4ESE	94	71	82	82	0	0.57	-0.46	1	5.23				
Extreme/Average	94	70	82	81	1	0.67	-0.24	2	7.39				
South-Central													
Collins	93	71	81	81		0.10	-0.85	1	4.35				
Columbia	97	74	84	82	2	1.95	0.86	2	4.26				
Tylertown 5ESE	95	72	82	81	1	0.26	-0.90	2	2.57				
Extreme/Average	97	71	82	81	1	0.77	-0.29	2	4.31				
Southeast													
Hattiesburg	94	72	83	82	1	0.00	-1.16	0	3.14				
Laurel	95	70	82	81	1	0.11	-0.89	2	2.88				
Newton Exp	95	67	80	80	0	0.02	-0.90	1	4.10				
Waynesboro 2W	96	67	82	81	1	0.08	-0.74	2	1.36				
Extreme/Average	96	67	82	81	1	0.05	-0.89	1	2.87				
Coastal													
Biloxi	95	74	83	82	1	1.81	0.43	4	3.89				
Wiggins	96	70	82	82		0.60	-0.57	1	4.12				
Extreme/Average	96	70	83	82	1	1.21	-0.11	3	3.89				
State	97	65	81	81		0.44	-0.42	2	6.56				

DFN = Departure from Normal.